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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH OUR TWO PEOPLES FEEL FOR EACH OTHER COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER SHOWN THAN BY YOUR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON".

2. USG HAS NO PLANS FOR RELEASE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION BY THE GOL.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT: "ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA AND IN MY OWN NAME I EXTEND TO YOU THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS WARMEST FELICITATIONS AS YOU JOYOUSLY CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETYEIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE STOP THE IMMENSE EFFORTS YOU HAVE

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MADE IN ESTABLISHING A CEASEFIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND
YOUR MAGNIFICENT ROLE WEST (AS RECEIVED) DETENTE RAISE FOR
THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD HIGH HOPES THAT WE ARE ENTERING AN
ERA OF PEACE THAT WILL USHER IN STABILITY AND GREATER PROS-
PERITY FOR A WORLD BEST (AS RECEIVED) WITH ECONOMIC STRESS

AND STRAIN AND HUMAN MISERY STOP WE FERVENTLY PRAY THAT
YOU AND YOUR NATION WILL BE PRESERVED TO CONTINUE YOUR
LAUDABLE LEADERSHIP IN THE SEARCH FOR PERMANENT PEACE
PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL MANKIND EVERYWHERE STOP
WE WISH TO RENEW ONCE MORE THE ASSIGNMENT OF OUR EARNEST
DESIRE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN AND MORE FIRMLY CEMENT THE
BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP TRUST AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT
HAVE CLOSELY BOUND OUR TWO PEOPLES TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN
A CENTURY STOP PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR
CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH LONG LIFE AND PERSONAL WELLBEING
AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA UNITY PEACE CONTINUED
PROSPERITY AND SOLIDARITY STOP WITH ASSURANCES OF
HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION. WR TOLBERT JR". KISSINGER

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